

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview of 1/28/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 25-34.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☒ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☒ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 31012004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bob Jondle on January 28, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 7 (twice amended). The tissue culture according to claim 6, [the cells or protoplasts of the tissue culture being] said tissue culture is obtained from a tissue selected from the group consisting of: leaves, pollen, embryos, cotyledon, hypocotyls, meristematic cells, roots, root tips, anthers, flowers, seeds, stems and pods.

Claim 31 (amended). A method of producing a soybean plant with modified fatty acid or carbohydrate metabolism comprising transforming the soybean plant of claim 2 with [one or more transgenes] a transgene encoding a protein selected from the group consisting of stearyl-ACP desaturase, fructosyltransferase, levansucrase, alphaamylase, invertase and starch branching enzyme.

Claim 33. (amended). A method of introducing a desired trait into soybean cultivar SG5611NRR comprising:

(a) crossing the SG5611NRR plants, grown from seed deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-_____, with plants of another soybean line that comprise a desired trait to produce F1 progeny plants, wherein the desired trait is selected from male

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sterility, herbicide resistance, insect resistance and resistance to bacterial, fungal or viral disease;

(b) selecting F1 progeny plants that have the desired trait to produce selected F1 progeny plants:

(c) crossing the selected F1 progeny plants with the SG5611NRR plants to produce first backcross progeny plants;

(d) selecting for first backcross progeny plants that have the desired trait and physiological and morphological characteristics of soybean cultivar SG5611NRR, as described in the Variety Description Information, to produce selected first backcross progeny plants; and

(e) repeating steps (c) and (d) three or more times in succession to produce selected fourth or higher backcross progeny plants that comprise the desired trait and all of the physiological and morphological characteristics of soybean cultivar SG5611NRR as described in the Variety Description Information and as determined at a 5% significance level when grown in the same environmental conditions.

34. (amended). A plant produced by the method of claim 33, wherein the plant has the desired trait and all of the physiological and morphological characteristics of soybean cultivar SG5611NRR as described in the Variety Description Information and as determined at a 5% significance level when grown in the same environmental conditions.

2. Claim 7, 33 and 34 were amended for clarification as applicable under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. Claim 31 was amended to avoid potential written description and enablement issues as applicable under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph.

REQUIREMENT OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.801-1.809

3. The Deposit Statement in Applicant's amendment is deemed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.801-1.809. Since the application is otherwise in condition for allowance except for the needed deposit of seed, and since the Office has received written assurance that an acceptable deposit will be made on or before payment of the issue fee, the Office is authorized to mail Applicant a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due together with a requirement that the needed deposit be made within THREE (3) MONTHS of the mail date of this letter (see 37 CFR 1.809(c)).

As set forth in 37 CFR 1.809(c), Applicant is required to deposit 2500 seeds of the claimed plant within THREE (3) MONTHS of the mail date of this letter; thus the time for making the deposit is on or before the payment of the issue fee. Although the time period for paying the issue fee cannot be extended, the time period for satisfying the deposit requirement may be extended under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. Failure to make the needed deposit of 2500 seeds will result in abandonment of the application for failure to prosecute.

Applicant is reminded that once the deposit of seed has been made, information regarding the date of deposit, description of the deposited material including number of seeds deposited, name and address of the depository, and the accession number must

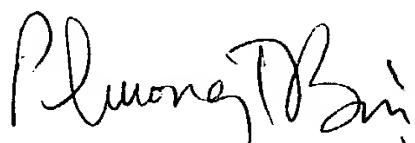
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be added to the specification in order to comply with 37 CFR 1.809(d). In addition, the claims must be amended to replace the blank "_____" with the appropriate Accession Number. Amendments to the specification and the claims must be filed under 37 CFR 1.312. If these amendments are received after payment of the issue fee, these amendments must be accompanied by a petition and fee, and a showing of good and sufficient reasons why these amendments were not presented earlier.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong T. Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-0793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amy Nelson can be reached on 571-272-0804. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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